

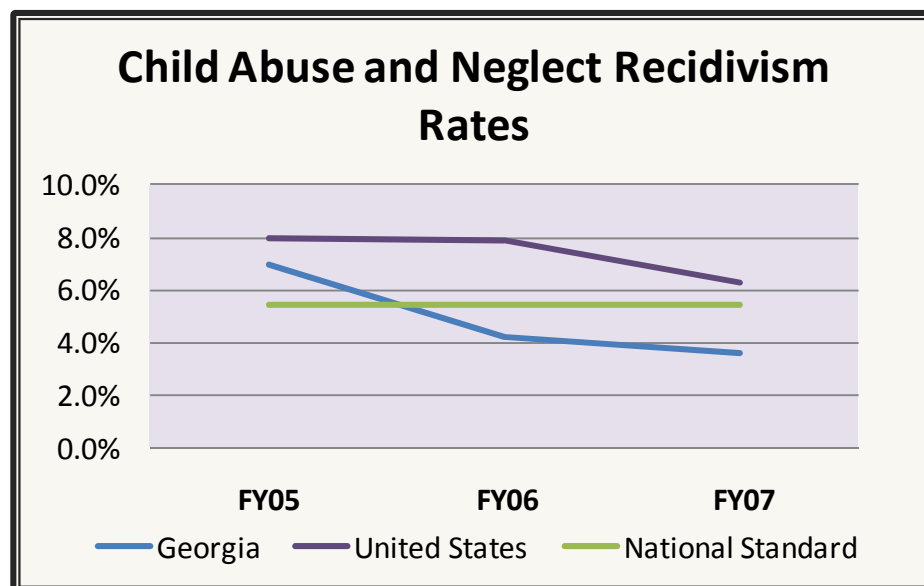


## SAFE

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GOCF outcome indicator: child abuse and neglect recidivism  
-for children ages 0-5 and students in elementary, middle, and high school

**Recidivism of child maltreatment is defined as a substantiated report of maltreatment followed by another substantiated report that involves the same child or family.**



*Data Source: Child Welfare Report 2003-2006 Report to Congress.*

According to the Child Welfare Outcomes Report given to congress, states with a higher rate of child abuse and neglect (CAN) cases generally have a higher rate of child abuse and neglect recurrence.

As shown in the chart above, the national recurrence rate, as of 2008, is 5.4%, with Georgia currently ranking significantly below the national average at 3.6%

- Education personnel, Law enforcement, and social service workers report most child abuse and neglect cases, especially for children 0-5.
- The 2000 Child Welfare Annual Report indicated that reoccurrence of child abuse and neglect cases within six months is increasing.
- Georgia's recidivism is below the national average.

*Data Source: US Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families. Youth and Families Children's Bureau.*